(b) the details of the said scheme;

(c) the number of such Central Government employees of his Ministry who are engaged in translation work at present and they have not got any kind of training in this regard; and

(d) by when they are likely to be imparted training in translation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Central Translation Bureau conducts the quartery translation training programme in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Bangalore for importing extensive translation training to the working translators and employees connected with the translation work in Central Govt. Offices.

(c) and (d) In addition to one Director and one Deputy Director, 5 officers and 17 translators are engaged in translation work in the Ministry of Home Affairs (Proper). All the five officers have undergone training in translation from Central Translation Bureau. Similarly 5 translators out of 17, have undergone training in translation. Efforts will be made to train the remaining Translators turn by turn within the next two years.

Reforms in police force

†3397. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reforms being brought by Government in police force;

(b) whether any follow up action is being taken regarding the suggestions made by National Police Commission for making large scale changes;

(c) whether it is not essential that Government should also consider the "desirability and possibility" of keeping apart police from the politics; and

(d) if so, details of progress made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Police Reforms is a continuous process. 'Police' being a State subject, it is primarily for State Governments to implement the recommendations of the National Police Commission. Central Government have been pursuading them to ensure expeditious action on implementation of these recommendations.

The issue of implementation of National Police Commission reports is also involved in Public Interest Litigation (PIL) before the Supreme Court. The

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government constituted a Committee headed by Shri J. F. Ribeiro, IPS (Retd.) on the interim direction of the Supreme Court in the above mentioned PIL on 25.5.1998 to review the recommendations of the National Police Commission and to suggest ways and means for implementation of the pending recommendations. The reports of the Committee have been filed in the Supreme Court as per its directions.

Treatment of under-trial prisoners

3398. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the law under-trial prisoners are to be treated humanly;

(b) whether under-trial prisoners are provided with minimum necessities of life such as good, hygiene and eatable food; and

(c) whether under-trial prisoners either Indians or foreigners can be allowed to eat food of their choice and at their own cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Prisons Act, 1894 provides that a civil prisoner or an unconvicted criminal prisoner shall be permitted to maintain himself, and to purchase, or receive from private sources at proper hours, food, clothing, bedding or other necessities, but subject to examination and to such rules as may be approved by the Inspector General.

Undertrials in Jails

3399. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state the total number of undertrials in different jails in the country, State-wise and period-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI):